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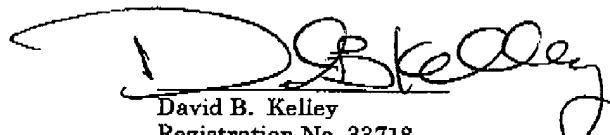
Claims 7, 11 and 12 have been indicated as allowed by the examiner. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for such allowance, and requests that such claims be passed to Issuance.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 14 as suggested by the examiner, and claim 14 has been cancelled. Claim 15 was previously incorporated into claim 13; and is thus now being cancelled. Claim 18 has been added to depend from amended claim 13, such claim being the same as previously cancelled claim 16. Thus, Independent Claim 13 and dependent claims 17-18 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

The examiner is thanked for his examination of this case. Any questions should be directed to the undersigned.

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